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We ask our users to use this gift of these resources as we intend it: for learning.

If you have any questions about OLE or about the copyright of our materials, please contact us at [bell@ole.org](mailto:bell@ole.org)

Thank you and enjoy the BeLL.

Sincerely,

Christina Manzo, OLE Librarian